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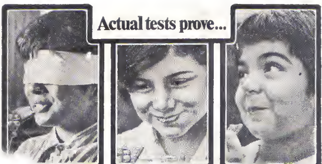
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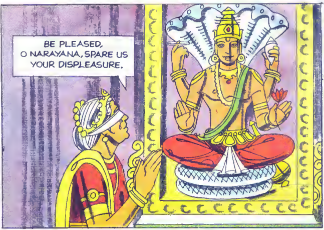


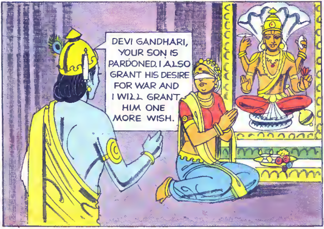
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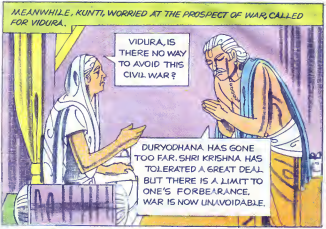
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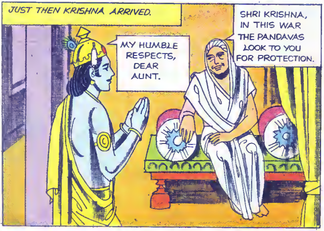
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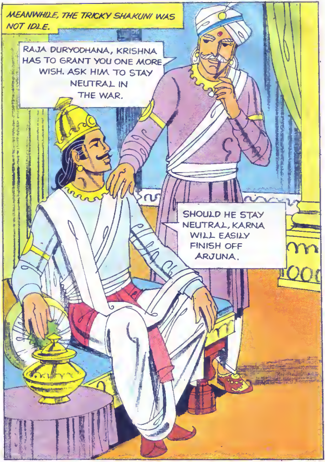

MAHABHARATA PART-2
O LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS, AND BLESS ME SO THAT, THOUGH BLIND, I MAY SEE YOUR DIVINE FORM.
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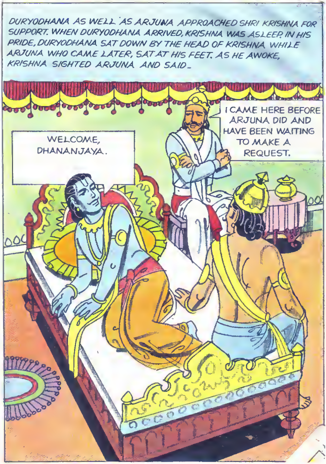

BE PLEASED, O NARAYANA, SPARE US YOUR DISPLEASURE.

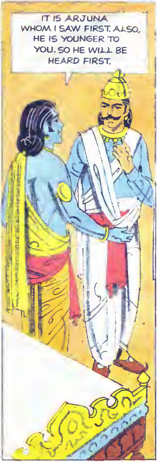

DEVI GANDHARI, YOUR SON IS PARDONED. I ALSO GRANT HIS DESIRE FOR WAR AND I WILL GRANT HIM ONE MORE WISH.


MEANWHILE, KUNTI, WORRIED AT THE PROSPECT OF WAR, CALLED FOR VIDURA.
VIDURA, IS THERE NO WAY TO AVOID THIS CIVIL WAR?
DURYODHANA HAS GONE TOO FAR. SHRI KRISHNA HAS TOLERATED A GREAT DEAL BUT THERE IS A LIMIT TO ONE'S FORBEARANCE. WAR IS NOW UNAVOIDABLE.

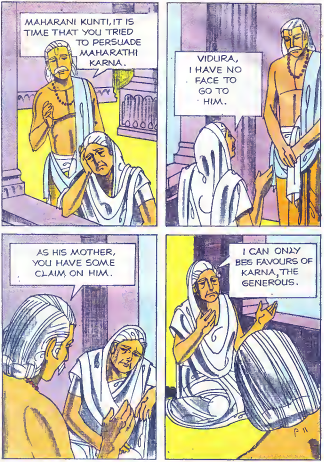

JUST THEN KRISHNA ARRIVED.
MY HUMBLE RESPECTS, DEAR AUNT.
SHRI KRISHNA, IN THIS WAR THE PANDAVAS LOOK TO YOU FOR PROTECTION.


MEANWHILE, THE TRICKY SHAKUNI WAS NOT IDLE.
RAJA DURYODHANA, KRISHNA HAS TO GRANT YOU ONE MORE WISH. ASK HIM TO STAY NEUTRAL IN THE WAR.
SHOULD HE STAY NEUTRAL, KARNA WILL EASILY FINISH OFF ARJUNA.


DURYODHANA AS WELL AS ARJUNA APPROACHED SHRI KRISHNA FOR SUPPORT. WHEN DURYODHANA ARRIVED, KRISHNA WAS ASLEEP. IN HIS PRIDE, DURYODHANA SAT DOWN BY THE HEAD OF KRISHNA WHILE ARJUNA WHO CAME LATER, SAT AT HIS FEET. AS HE AWOKE, KRISHNA SIGHTED ARJUNA AND SAID...
WELCOME, DHANANJAYA.
I CAME HERE BEFORE ARJUNA DID AND HAVE BEEN WAITING TO MAKE A REQUEST.


IT IS ARJUNA WHOM I SAW FIRST. ALSO, HE IS YOUNGER TO YOU. SO HE WILL BE HEARD FIRST.


ONE OF YOU WILL HAVE MY MIGHTY FORCES FROM THE GOPADRI FORT. THE OTHER WILL HAVE ME ALONE AND UNARMED. ARJUNA, MAKE YOUR CHOICE.
I WANT YOU ALONE TO DRIVE MY CHARIOT.
YOU PANDAVAS HAVE LOST AGAIN! GIVE ME YOUR FORCES, KESHAVA. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED.
AND WAR WAS DECLARED.

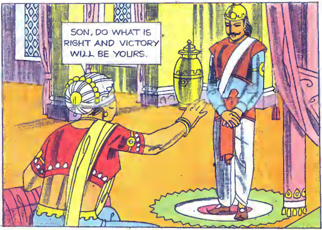

MAHARANI KUNTI, IT IS TIME THAT YOU TRIED TO PERSUADE MAHARATHI KARNA.
VIDURA, I HAVE NO FACE TO GO TO HIM.
AS HIS MOTHER, YOU HAVE SOME CLAIM ON HIM.
I CAN ONLY BEG FAVOURS OF KARNA, THE GENEROUS.

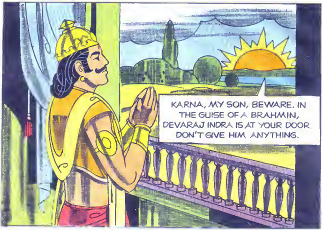

KARNA, SON, KUNTI IS YOUR MOTHER. DON'T DISAPPOINT HER.
KARNA, SON, I AM HERE TO BEG FOR A FAVOUR.
A SON ABANDONED AT BIRTH DOES NOT HAVE MUCH TO GIVE HIS QUEEN MOTHER.
STILL I PROMISE I SHALL NOT KILL ANY PANDAVA EXCEPT ARJUNA.

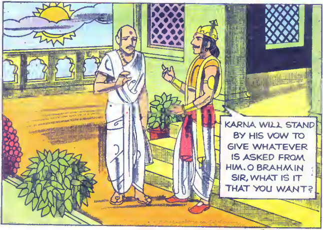

YOU AND ARJUNA - BOTH ARE MY SONS.


MOTHER KUNTI, YOUR FIVE SONS WILL LIVE LONG. ARJUNA OR KARNA - IT WILL BE ONE OR THE OTHER.


WE ARE ALL SET FOR WAR, MOTHER. BLESS ME THAT I AM VICTORIOUS.


SON, DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND VICTORY WILL BE YOURS.


KARNA, MY SON, BEWARE. IN THE GUISE OF A BRAHMIN, DEVARAJ INDRA IS AT YOUR DOOR. DON'T GIVE HIM ANYTHING.


KARNA WILL STAND BY HIS VOW TO GIVE WHATEVER IS ASKED FROM HIM. O BRAHMIN SIR, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?


GIVE ME THE DIVINE KUNDAL AND THE INVINCIBLE SURYA ARMOUR THAT YOU HAVE FROM YOUR BIRTH, KARNA.
DEVARAJ INDRA THOUGH THEY ARE MY LIFE ITSELF, THEY ARE YOURS.
ASHAMED AS I AM, I WILL GRANT YOU ANYTHING YOU MAY WANT, KARNA.
LET ME HAVE YOUR INFALLIBLE SHAKTI, DEVARAJ


SALYA, THE RENOWNED WARRIOR, KING OF MADRA AND THE ELDER BROTHER OF SATI MADRI, LEFT TO JOIN THE PANDAVAS. ON THE WAY HE WAS SUMPTUOUSLY ENTERTAINED AT A GUEST HOUSE CONSTRUCTED BY DURYODHANA. SALYA WAS THOROUGHLY PLEASED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIS GENEROUS HOST ANYTHING HE ASKED FOR. SHAKUNI WHO WAS HIDING UNDER THE BEDSTEAD CRAWLED OUT AND SAID—
YOU HAVE BEEN THE GUEST OF RAJA DURYODHANA. FIGHT ON HIS SIDE.



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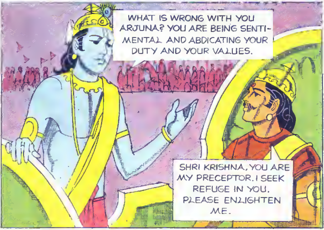


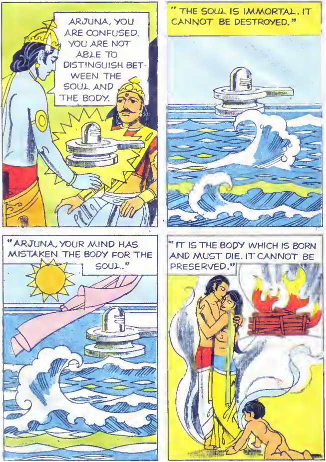
SANJAY, MY SON'S FORCES ARE STRONGER. AREN'T THEY?
OF COURSE, MAHARAJ. 11 AKSHAUHINI AGAINST SEVEN! BESIDES, DHRISHTA-DYUMNA IS NO MATCH FOR BHISHMA. BUT...
YES? GO ON.
...ULTIMATELY THE RIGHT AND THE TRUTH MUST PREVAIL.
BHAGAWAN VYASA CALLED ON DHRITARASHTRA.
DHRITARASHTRA, YOU ARE FAR AWAY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD BUT YOU HAVE SANJAY. I ENDOW HIM WITH DIVINE SIGHT. SANJAY WILL OBSERVE AND RELATE AND YOU WILL LISTEN.


THE MIGHTY FORCES OF THE PANDAVAS AND THE KAURAVAS FACED EACH OTHER ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
SHRI KRISHNA, PLEASE DRIVE MY CHARIOT TO THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLEFIELD.
SANJAY, BHAGAWAN VYASA HAS GIVEN YOU DIVINE SIGHT.
MAHARAJ, I WILL NARRATE TO YOU ALL THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.
SHRI KRISHNA, I WON'T TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST GRAND-SIRE BHISHMA, DRONA-CHARYA, KRIPACHARYA AND ASHWATTHAMA.


SIRE, ARJUNA HAS LAID DOWN HIS ARMS.
THE KAURAVAS ARE MY COUSINS. THEIR CHILDREN ARE OURS AS WELL. SO ARE ALL THEIR RELATIVES. I SHALL NOT FIGHT MY OWN PEOPLE.
ARJUNA, YOU ARE A BRAVE MAN. WHY THIS TIMIDITY?
I AM NOT PREPARED TO FIGHT THE REVERRED GRANDSIRE.


ACHARYA DRONA IS MY ESTEEMED GURU. I SHALL NOT KILL HIM.

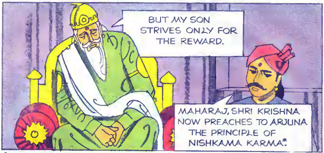

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU ARJUNA? YOU ARE BEING SENTI-MENTAL AND ABDICATING YOUR DUTY AND YOUR VALUES.
SHRI KRISHNA, YOU ARE MY PRECEPTOR. I SEEK REFUGE IN YOU. PLEASE ENLIGHTEN ME.


ARJUNA, YOU ARE CONFUSED. YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE SOUL AND THE BODY.
"THE SOUL IS IMMORTAL. IT CANNOT BE DESTROYED."
"ARJUNA, YOUR MIND HAS MISTAKEN THE BODY FOR THE SOUL."
"IT IS THE BODY WHICH IS BORN AND MUST DIE. IT CANNOT BE PRESERVED."

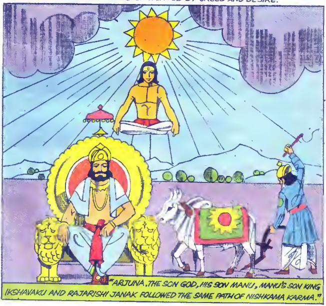

MAHARAJ, SHRI KRISHNA PROPOUNDS THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL FOR ARJUNA. HE TELLS ARJUNA THAT THE MIND AND THE BODY ARE BUT TO SERVE THE SOUL AND THAT HE MUST DO HIS DUTY.
WHAT IS THE DUTY THAT ON DHARMKSHETRA KURUKSHETRA KRISHNA ENJOINS ON ARJUNA TO PERFORM?
SHRI KRISHNA TELLS HIM, "YOUR SOUL HAS BEEN BORN IN THE FORM OF A KSHATRIYA. SO FULFIL THE DUTIES OF A KSHATRIYA."

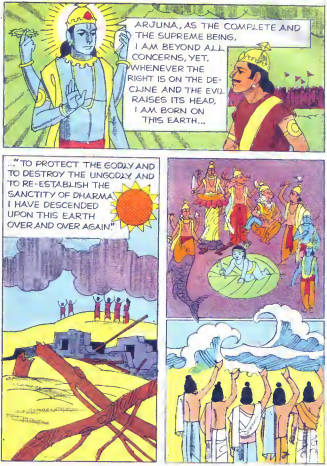

ARJUNA, IF YOU TURN AWAY FROM WAR NOW, PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU. A WARRIOR PREFERS DEATH TO SUCH IN-DIGNITY.
MY PROUD SON, DURYODHANA IN ANY CASE CALLS THE PANDAVAS–
THE CHILDREN OF AN IMPOTENT MAN, AND ARJUNA PARTICULARLY AS BRIHANNALA OR A EUNUCH.
DO YOUR DUTY, ARJUNA. GET YOUR WEAPONS

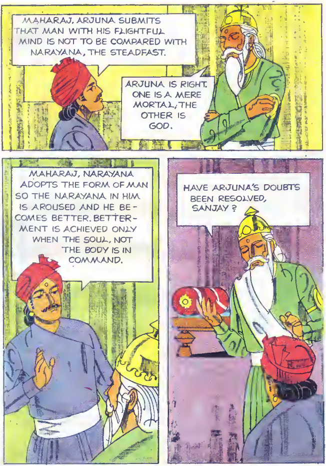

FOR ALL HIS FAULTS, DURYODHANA DOES NOT NEED A LESSON ON THE DUTIES OF A KSHATRIYA.
MAHARAJ, SHRI KRISHNA TELLS ARJUNA TO DO HIS SACRED DUTY.
KARMANYE-VADHIKARASTE MA PHALESHU KADACHAN..
MEANING, YOURS IS ONLY THE RIGHT TO DO YOUR DUTY WITHOUT LOOKING FORWARD TO ITS REWARD.



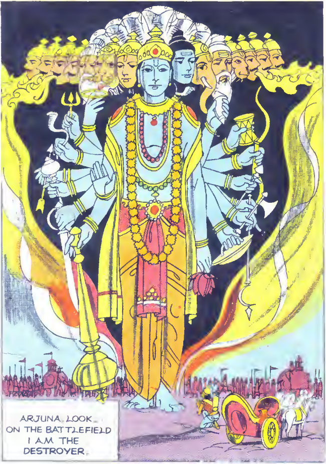
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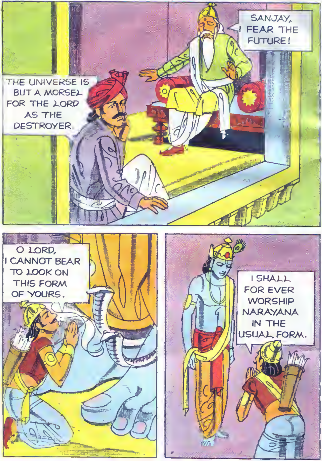



ARJUNA, AS THE COMPLETE AND THE SUPREME BEING, I AM BEYOND ALL CONCERNS, YET, WHENEVER THE RIGHT IS ON THE DECLINE AND THE EVIL RAISES ITS HEAD, I AM BORN ON THIS EARTH...
..."TO PROTECT THE GODLY AND TO DESTROY THE UNGODLY, AND TO RE-ESTABLISH THE SANCTITY OF DHARMA, I HAVE DESCENDED UPON THIS EARTH OVER AND OVER AGAIN."


MAHARAJ, ARJUNA SUBMITS THAT MAN WITH HIS FLIGHTFUL MIND IS NOT TO BE COMPARED WITH NARAYANA, THE STEADFAST.
ARJUNA IS RIGHT. ONE IS A MERE MORTAL; THE OTHER IS GOD.
MAHARAJ, NARAYANA ADOPTS THE FORM OF MAN SO THE NARAYANA IN HIM IS AROUSED AND HE BECOMES BETTER. BETTERMENT IS ACHIEVED ONLY WHEN THE SOUL, NOT THE BODY IS IN COMMAND.
HAVE ARJUNA'S DOUBTS BEEN RESOLVED, SANJAY ?


NO, SIRE. MAN IS AN IGNORAMUS WHILE GOD IS OMNISCIENT.
HOW CAN MAN EVER REALIZE GOD?
FOR THAT PURPOSE SHRI KRISHNA BESTOWS DIVINE SIGHT ON ARJUNA AND MANIFESTS HIM-SELF IN HIS ALL-PERVASIVE FORM.

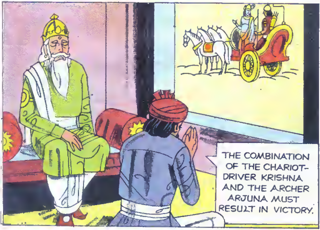

ARJUNA, LOOK ON THE BATTLEFIELD I AM THE DESTROYER.


SANJAY, I FEAR THE FUTURE!
THE UNIVERSE IS BUT A MORSEL FOR THE LORD AS THE DESTROYER.
O LORD, I CANNOT BEAR TO LOOK ON THIS FORM OF YOURS.
I SHALL FOR EVER WORSHIP NARAYANA IN THE USUAL FORM.

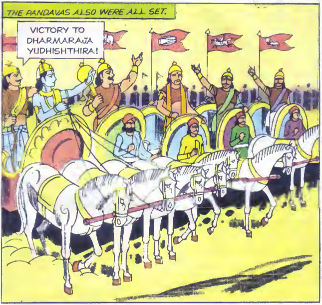

MAHARAJ, THE TIMID MAN FINDS STRENGTH IN DEVOTION TO GOD.
IS NARAYANA PLEASED WITH THE MAN?
NO MAN HAS EVER RECEIVED OR WILL EVER RECEIVE SUCH AFFECTION FROM NARAYANA AS ARJUNA HAS.
WHAT GIFT HAS NARAYANA BESTOWED ON ARJUNA?

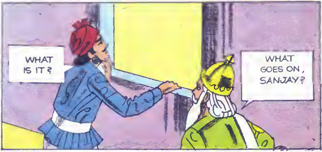

ALL THAT IS WORTHWHILE NARAYANA TELLS HIM.
ARJUNA, EVERY BEING IS BUT A PART OF GOD.
GOD HAS HIS ABODE IN EVERY BEING. GET RID OF FALSE BELIEFS AND SEEK REFUGE IN ME. I SHALL ABSOLVE YOU OF ALL SINS.


KRISHNA, YOU HAVE LIBERATED ME OF ALL ATTACHMENT. I AM NOW PREPARED TO WAGE THIS RIGHTEOUS WAR.

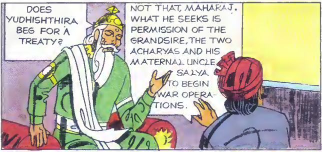

THE COMBINATION OF THE CHARIOT-DRIVER KRISHNA AND THE ARCHER ARJUNA MUST RESULT IN VICTORY.

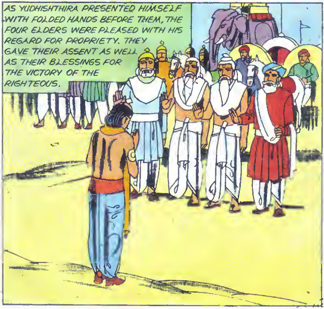

WILL THEN MY SON, DURYODHANA YIELD AND ENTER INTO A TREATY?
NO, MAHARAJ. RAJA DURYODHANA HAS ALREADY ISSUED ORDERS TO CHARGE UNDER THE COMMAND OF BHISHMA, DRONA, KRIPA AND SALYA.

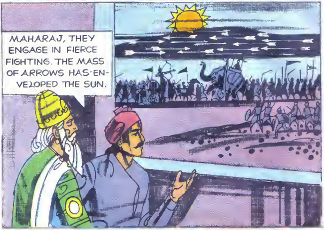

THE PANDAVAS ALSO WERE ALL SET.
VICTORY TO DHARMARAJA YUDHISHTHIRA!


WHAT GOES ON, SANJAY?
WHAT IS IT?


YUDHISHTHIRA TAKES OFF HIS CROWN.
... AND SPEEDS BAREFOOT TOWARDS THE KAURAVA FORCES.
DHARMARAJA RUSHED TOWARDS THE KAURAVA ARMY. FRIEND AND FOE WERE DISCONCERTED ALIKE. DURYODHANA WAS DELIGHTED WHILE BHIMA WRUNG HIS HANDS IN ANGUISH.

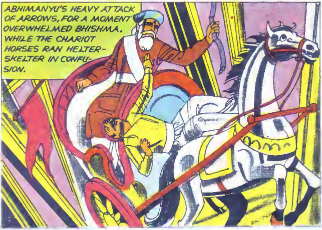

DOES YUDHISHTHIRA BEG FOR A TREATY?
NOT THAT, MAHARAJ. WHAT HE SEEKS IS PERMISSION OF THE GRANDSIRE, THE TWO ACHARYAS AND HIS MATERNAL UNCLE SALYA TO BEGIN WAR OPERATIONS.

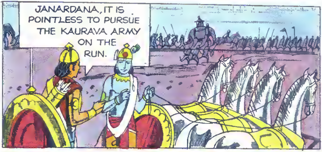

AS YUDHISHTHIRA PRESENTED HIMSELF WITH FOLDED HANDS BEFORE THEM, THE FOUR ELDERS WERE PLEASED WITH HIS REGARD FOR PROPRIETY. THEY GAVE THEIR ASSENT AS WELL AS THEIR BLESSINGS FOR THE VICTORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

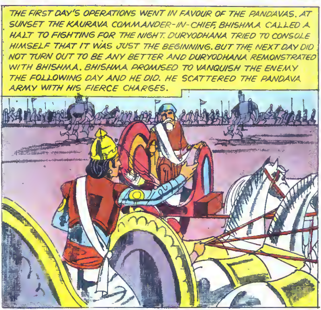

MAHARAJ, THEY ENGAGE IN FIERCE FIGHTING. THE MASS OF ARROWS HAS EN-VELOPED THE SUN.

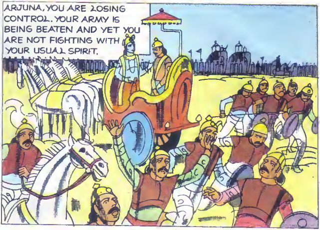

AS THE DIVINE WEAPON SHOT BY ARJUNA RIPPED OFF THE COVER OF DARKNESS, HE SAW HIS ELDER SON, ABHIMANYU IN COMBAT WITH THE GRAND-SIRE. BHISHMA WAS APPLAUDING THE YOUNGSTER'S VALOUR.

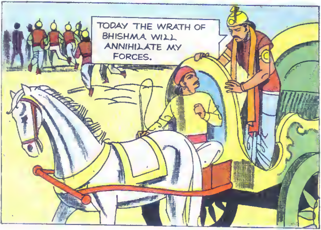

WELL DONE, ABHIMANYU! YOUR MATERNAL UNCLE, KRISHNA AND FATHER, ARJUNA WILL EVER BE PROUD OF YOU.


ABHIMANYU'S HEAVY ATTACK OF ARROWS, FOR A MOMENT OVERWHELMED BHISHMA. WHILE THE CHARIOT HORSES RAN HELTER-SKELTER IN CONFUSION.

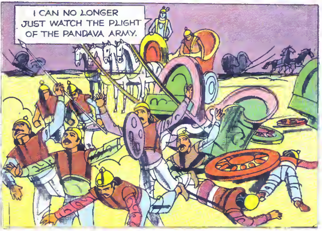

JANARDANA, IT IS POINTLESS TO PURSUE THE KAURAVA ARMY ON THE RUN.

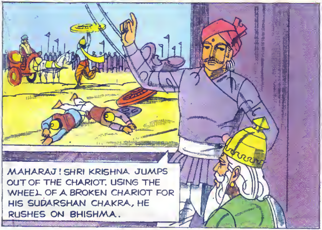

THE FIRST DAY'S OPERATIONS WENT IN FAVOUR OF THE PANDAVAS. AT SUNSET THE KAURAVA COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BHISHMA CALLED A HALT TO FIGHTING FOR THE NIGHT. DURYODHANA TRIED TO CONSOLE HIMSELF THAT IT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING. BUT THE NEXT DAY DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE ANY BETTER AND DURYODHANA REMONSTRATED WITH BHISHMA. BHISHMA PROMISED TO VANQUISH THE ENEMY THE FOLLOWING DAY AND HE DID. HE SCATTERED THE PANDAVA ARMY WITH HIS FIERCE CHARGES.

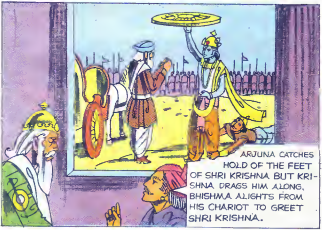

ARJUNA, YOU ARE LOSING CONTROL. YOUR ARMY IS BEING BEATEN AND YET YOU ARE NOT FIGHTING WITH YOUR USUAL SPIRIT.


TODAY THE WRATH OF BHISHMA WILL ANNIHILATE MY FORCES.


HAIL THE GRANDSIRE! THE PANDAVAS WILL NOT SURVIVE THE DAY.


I CAN NO LONGER JUST WATCH THE PLIGHT OF THE PANDAVA ARMY.

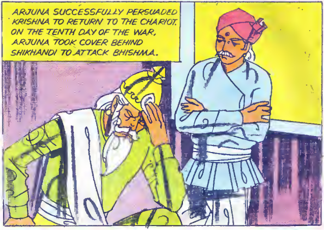

MAHARAJ! SHRI KRISHNA JUMPS OUT OF THE CHARIOT. USING THE WHEEL OF A BROKEN CHARIOT FOR HIS SUDARSHAN CHAKRA, HE RUSHES ON BHISHMA.

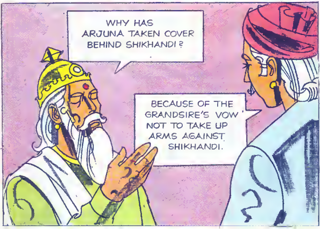

ARJUNA CATCHES HOLD OF THE FEET OF SHRI KRISHNA BUT KRI-SHNA DRAGS HIM ALONG. BHISHMA ALIGHTS FROM HIS CHARIOT TO GREET SHRI KRISHNA.

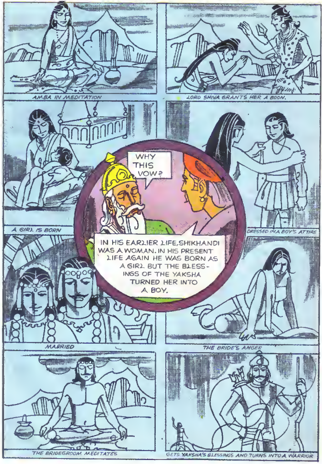

O LORD, YOU HAVE DONE ME GREAT HONOUR. I HAVE FORCED YOU TO BREAK YOUR GIVEN WORD. NOW TO MY GREATER GLORY, KILL ME WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.
O LORD, DO NOT BREAK YOUR PROMISE. PARDON MY APATHY. LET ME ASSURE YOU I WILL FIGHT WITH ALL MY MIGHT.
FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS THE TWO SIDES FOUGHT VALIANTLY. WHILE BHISHMA RAINED DESTRUCTION ON THE PANDAVA FORCES, ARJUNA TOOK A HEAVY TOLL OF THE KAURAVA ARMIES. DURYODHANA BLAMED BHISHMA FOR THIS. ENRAGED AT THE OUTRAGEOUS CHARGE, BHISHMA THEN FOUGHT SO RELENTLESSLY THAT ARJUNA COULDN'T DO A THING. ON REALISING THIS..


...SHRI KRISHNA JUMPED OUT OF THE CHARIOT, WITH A WHIP IN HIS HAND AS HE ADVANCED ON BHISHMA, ARJUNA ONCE AGAIN TRIED TO DISSUADE HIM.
COME BACK TO THE CHARIOT, NARA-YANA. I WILL DO THE FIGHTING.

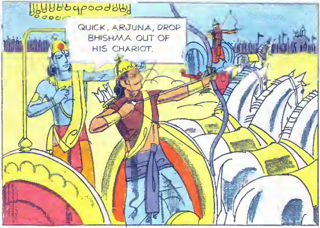

WELCOME, JANARDANA. USE YOUR WHIP TO UNSEAT ME FROM THE CHARIOT.

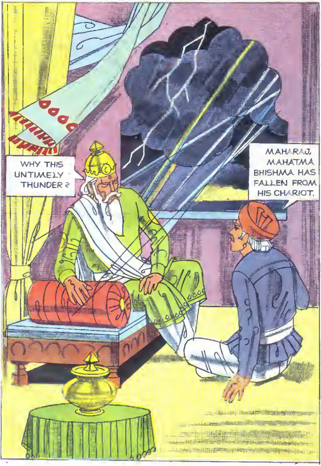

ARJUNA SUCCESSFULLY PERSUADED KRISHNA TO RETURN TO THE CHARIOT. ON THE TENTH DAY OF THE WAR, ARJUNA TOOK COVER BEHIND SHIKHANDI TO ATTACK BHISHMA.


WHY HAS ARJUNA TAKEN COVER BEHIND SHIKHANDI ?
BECAUSE OF THE GRANDSIRE'S VOW NOT TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST SHIKHANDI.

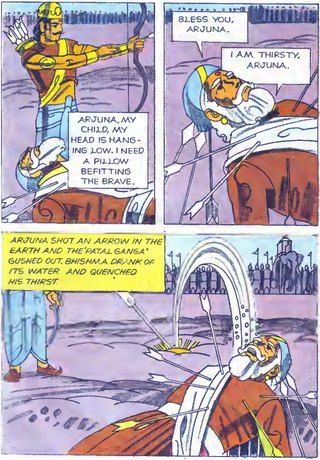

AMBA IN MEDITATION
LORD SHIVA GRANTS HER A BOON.
WHY THIS VOW?
IN HIS EARLIER LIFE, SHIKHANDI WAS A WOMAN. IN HIS PRESENT LIFE AGAIN HE WAS BORN AS A GIRL BUT THE BLESSINGS OF THE YAKSHA TURNED HER INTO A BOY.
A GIRL IS BORN
DRESSED IN A BOY'S ATTIRE
MARRIED
THE BRIDE'S ANGER
THE BRIDEGROOM MEDITATES
GETS YAKSHA'S BLESSINGS AND TURNS INTO A WARRIOR


DUSHASANA, THESE ARROWS THAT PIERCE MY BODY ARE ARJUNA'S_NOT SHIKHANDI'S.

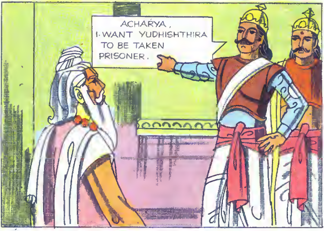

QUICK, ARJUNA, DROP BHISHMA OUT OF HIS CHARIOT.


WHY THIS UNTIMELY THUNDER ?
MAHARAJ, MAHATMA BHISHMA HAS FALLEN FROM HIS CHARIOT.

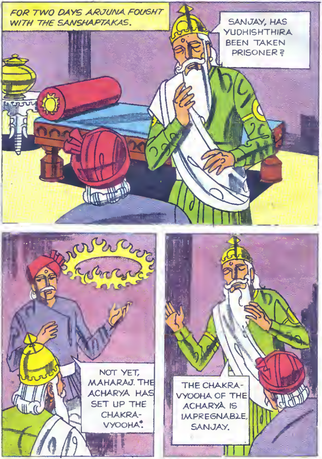

AS BHISHMA LAY STRETCHED ON ARROWS, THE KAURAVAS AND THE PANDAVAS PAID HIM THEIR HOMAGE.


ARJUNA, MY CHILD, MY HEAD IS HANGING LOW. I NEED A PILLOW BEFITTING THE BRAVE.
BLESS YOU, ARJUNA.
I AM THIRSTY, ARJUNA.
ARJUNA SHOT AN ARROW IN THE EARTH AND THE 'PATAL GANGA' GUSHED OUT. BHISHMA DRANK OF ITS WATER AND QUENCHED HIS THIRST.

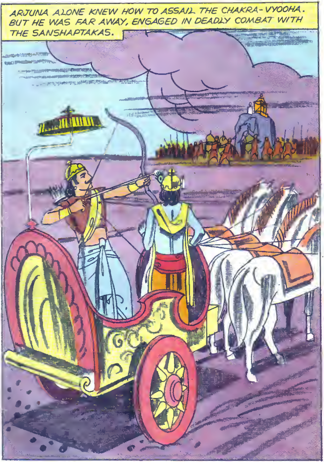

WHEN BHISHMA DIED, DURYODHANA NAMED ACHARYA DRONA TO BE THE COMMANDER.
ASK FOR ANYTHING DURYO-DHANA. EXCEPT DEATH TO THE PANDAVAS.
DURYODHANA, ASK HIM TO ARREST YUDHISHTHIRA.


ACHARYA, I WANT YUDHISHTHIRA TO BE TAKEN PRISONER.

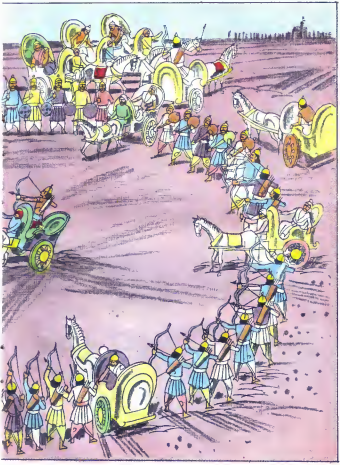

FOR THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO REMOVE ARJUNA TO SOME DISTANT POINT.
THE SAN-SHAPTAKA BRAVES WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT.
ARJUNA HAS TO BE DRAWN FAR AWAY.
THE SANSHAPTAKA BRAVES WILL LAY THEIR LIVES FOR ME.



* CIRCULAR WAR FORMATION.


ARJUNA ALONE KNEW HOW TO ASSAIL THE CHAKRA-VYOOHA. BUT HE WAS FAR AWAY, ENGAGED IN DEADLY COMBAT WITH THE SANSHAPTAKAS.


HIS SON, ABHIMANYU KNEW HOW TO BREAK INTO THE VYOOHA BUT NOT THE TECHNIQUE OF GETTING OUT. AFTER DELIBERATIONS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AS ABHIMANYU WOULD ENTER THE VYOOHA, YUDHISHTHIRA, BHIMA, NAKULA AND SAHADEVA WOULD SPEEDILY FOLLOW HIM INSIDE AND DEMOLISH THE FORMATION. HOWEVER, JAIDRATHA WHO WAS GUARDING THE ENTRANCE TO THE VYOOHA AND HAD BEEN BLESSED BY LORD SHANKARA, BEAT BACK THE FOUR BROTHERS. INSIDE THE VYOOHA, ABHIMANYU KILLED LAXMANA, THE SON OF DURYODHANA, AND NUMEROUS OTHERS. BUT AT LAST HE WAS SURROUNDED BY SIX OF THE BRAVEST WARRIORS.




'O FLAMING ARROW BREAK HIS BOW.
MY MACE WILL SHATTER HIS CHARIOT.
THE BRAT MUST BE KILLED.
THAT WILL BE THE END.
THIS WHEEL IS ENOUGH TO DISPATCH ANY ENEMY.

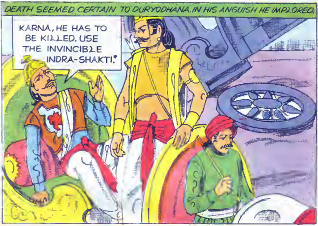

DRONACHARYA AND KRIPACHARYA PLEADED. "ABHIMANYU IS NOT TO BE KILLED. TAKE HIM PRISONER." BUT...
NO MERCY FOR THE ENEMY.
SON OF DUSHASANA, USE YOUR MACE.
ABHIMANYU, THIS IS THE END YOU DESERVE.



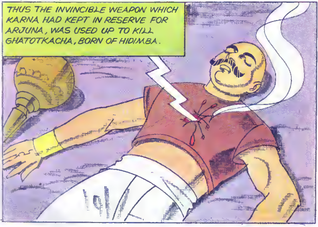
TO AVENGE HIS SON, ABHIMANYU, ARJUNA VOWED TO KILL JAIDRATHA.
ARJUNA HAS VOWED THAT IF HE FAILS TO KILL JAIDRATHA BY SUNSET...
...HE SHALL IMMOLATE HIMSELF.
THEN FIRE WILL CONSUME ARJUNA, AND NOT JAIDRATHA.
DURYODHANA, LET ME GET AWAY TONIGHT OR ARJUNA WILL KILL ME.
LET US ASK ACHARYA DRONA FOR PROTECTION.
YOU, A KSHATRIYA, AND AFRAID TO DIE! SHAME ON YOU.


WHAT ABOUT ARJUNA'S VOW, SANJAY?
JAIDRATHA POINTS AT THE SETTING SUN AND TELLS ARJUNA...
ARJUNA, THE SUN IS SETTING. NOW IMMOLATE YOURSELF.
BUT IN REALITY KRISHNA HAD WITH HIS MAYA ONLY CREATED AN ILLUSION OF SUNSET.
ARJUNA, SHOOT YOUR ARROW. THE ILLUSORY COVER IS LIFTED AND THE SUN SHINES AGAIN.
ARJUNA'S ARROW HIT ITS MARK AND FLEW OFF WITH JAIDRATHA'S HEAD TOWARDS THE SUN.


KRISHNA HAS MISUSED HIS POWERS ON THE SUN.
NO MISUSE, THESE ARE THE WAYS OF GOD.
FIGHTING DOES NOT STOP FOR THE NIGHT.
GHATOTKACHA, GO AND ATTACK DURYODHANA.
HOW IS IT NOW, SANJAY?
MAHARAJ, BHIMA'S SON, GHATOTKACHA IS GETTING THE BETTER OF DURYODHANA.



* THE INVINCIBLE WEAPON OF LORD INDRA




DHARMARAJA, GHATOTKACHA IS DEAD BUT ARJUNA LIVES.


SHRI KRISHNA HAS MADE ME EXPEND MY PEERLESS WEAPON.

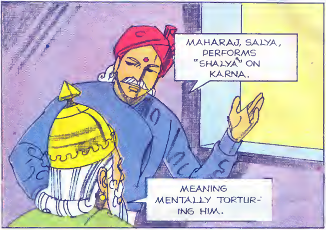

ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE WAR, DRONACHARYA LOST ALL INTEREST IN FIGHTING. THE SAPTARSHI* DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVENS AND TOLD HIM _
* THE SEVEN STARS OF THE GREAT BEAR WHO, ACCORDING TO THE HINDU BELIEF ARE SEVEN SAGES
TOO MUCH BLOOD HAS BEEN SHED ALREADY. YOU MUST NOW RENOUNCE YOUR ADOPTED KSHATRA-DHARMA AND PREPARE TO MEET YOUR CREATOR.
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION, SHRI KRISHNA FORMED A NEW STRATEGY TO FINISH DURYODHANA.
BHIMA, KILL THAT ELEPHANT ASHWATTHAMA.


HAVING KILLED THE ELEPHANT BHIMA RUSHED TO DRONACHARYA AND SAID...
ASHWATTHAMA IS DEAD. ASHWATTHAMA IS DEAD.
DRONACHARYA'S SON WAS ALSO NAMED ASHWATTHAMA. BUT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT IT WAS HIS SON WHO DIED.
TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH HE SAID...
LET YUDHISHTHIRA SAY SO, ONLY THEN WILL I BELIEVE IT.
DHARMARAJA, PRONOUNCE ASHWATTHAMA IS DEAD.
BUT THIS IS HALF THE TRUTH.

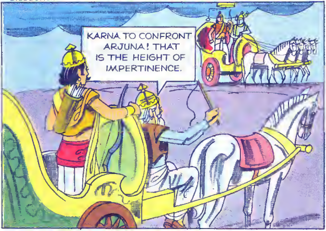

SAY IT, DHARMARAJA, SAY IT! ASHWATTHAMA IS DEAD. THE MAN OR THE ELEPHANT?
THEN YUDHISHTHIRA SAID_
ASHWATTHAMA IS DEAD_ THE MAN OR THE ELEPHANT?
IN THE DIN OF THE LOUD DRUM BEATS, DRONACHARYA DID NOT HEAR THE WORD 'MAN OR ELEPHANT.'


ON HEARING ABOUT THE DEATH OF HIS SON...
I LAY DOWN ARMS AND GO TO MEET MY CREATOR.
JUST TO SERVE THIS PURPOSE WAS I BORN.
ON UNARMED DRONACHARYA, DHRISHTADYUMNA INFLICTED A FATAL BLOW.
THIS IS A SAD DAY!
AT THE SUDDEN DEATH OF DRONACHARYA, DURYODHANA WAS DISHEARTENED.


KARNA, NOW YOU ARE MY CHIEF COMMANDER.
MAHARAJ SALYA, YOU WILL BE MY CHARIOT-DRIVER.
IN GIVING ME THE JOB, YOU HAVE INVITED DEATH ON YOURSELF.
ALTHOUGH HE WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PANDAVAS, SALYA WAS FIGHTING FOR THE KAURAVAS. BUT INWARDLY HE WAS FOR THE PANDAVAS.

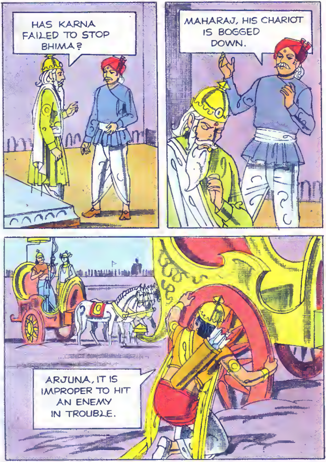

MAHARAJ, SALYA, PERFORMS "SHALYA*" ON KARNA.
MEANING MENTALLY TORTURING HIM.

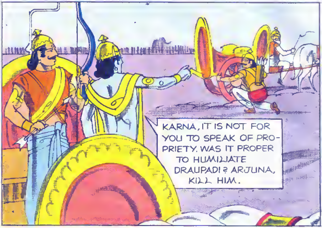
* DISSECTION


KARNA TO CONFRONT ARJUNA! THAT IS THE HEIGHT OF IMPERTINENCE.

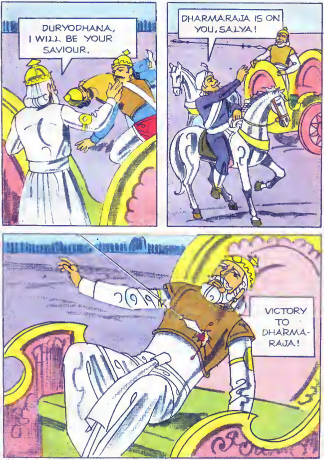

SALYA, THE CHARIOT-DRIVER HAS TO BE AN ALLY OF THE WARRIOR, NOT A FOE.
BUT YOU ARE THE SON OF A CHARIOTEER, NOT A RIGHTFUL WARRIOR.
SALYA WAS TAUNTING AND HUMILIATING KARNA. CONTRARY TO THIS, SHRI KRISHNA WAS ENCOURAGING ARJUNA.
ARJUNA, THE WORLD WILL NEVER HAVE AN ARCHER TO EQUAL YOU.
O LORD, YOU ARE MY GUIDE AND ALSO THE ARCHITECT OF MY VICTORY.

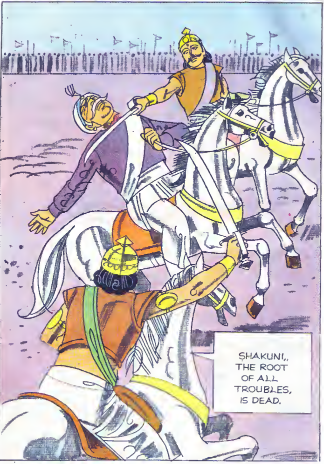

SANJAY WAS CONTINUOUSLY RELATING WAR DEVELOPMENTS TO DHRITARASHTRA.
BHIMA HAS KILLED TWENTY OF YOUR SONS AND NOW HE POUNCES ON DUSHASANA.
THIS IS THE HAND WHICH PULLED THE TRESSES OF DRAUPADI.
IT ALSO TRIED TO UNDRAPE HER!
YOUR BLOOD IS NEEDED TO RETIE HER HAIR!

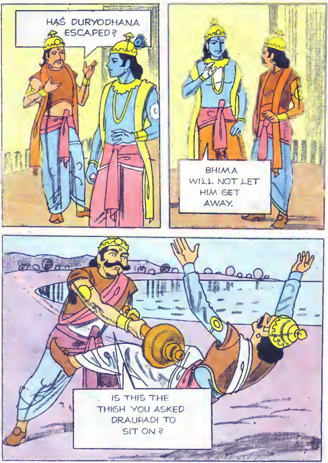

HAS KARNA FAILED TO STOP BHIMA?
MAHARAJ, HIS CHARIOT IS BOGGED DOWN.
ARJUNA, IT IS IMPROPER TO HIT AN ENEMY IN TROUBLE.

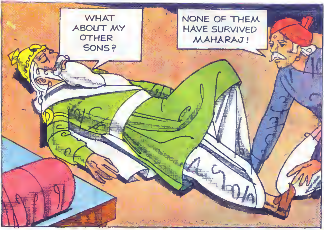

KARNA, IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO SPEAK OF PRO-PRIETY. WAS IT PROPER TO HUMILIATE DRAUPADI? ARJUNA, KILL HIM.

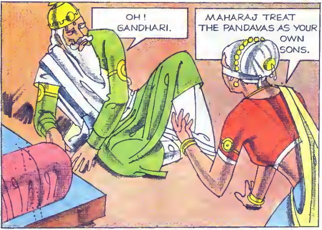

ALAS! I COULD NOT SAVE MY SAVIOUR.

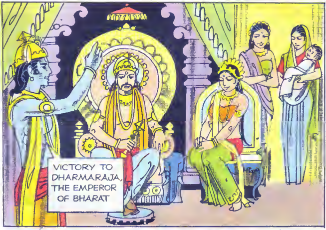

DURYODHANA, I WILL BE YOUR SAVIOUR.
DHARMARAJA IS ON YOU, SALYA!
VICTORY TO DHARMA-RAJA!


SHAKUNI, THE ROOT OF ALL TROUBLES, IS DEAD.


HAS DURYODHANA ESCAPED?
BHIMA WILL NOT LET HIM GET AWAY.
IS THIS THE THIGH YOU ASKED DRAUPADI TO SIT ON?

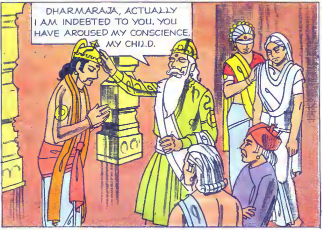

WHAT ABOUT MY OTHER SONS?
NONE OF THEM HAVE SURVIVED MAHARAJ!

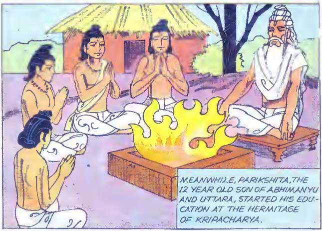

OH! GANDHARI.
MAHARAJ TREAT THE PANDAVAS AS YOUR OWN SONS.

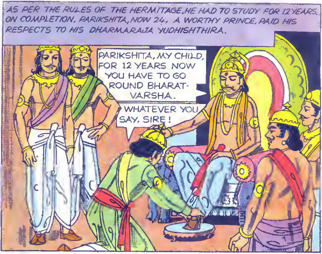

VICTORY TO DHARMARAJA, THE EMPEROR OF BHARAT

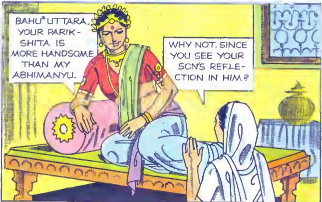

SANJAY, I WILL IMMOLATE MYSELF DURING MY SOJOURN IN THE JUNGLE.


FAREWELL, KUNTI.
I WILL ALSO FOLLOW MY ELDER SISTER-IN-LAW.
PARDON ME MY LAPSES.

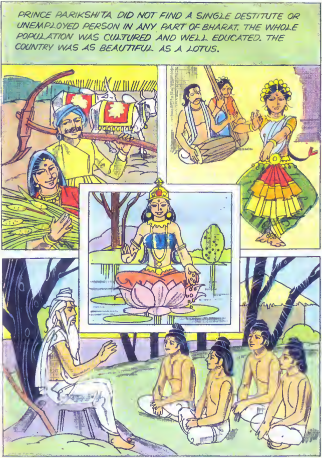

DHARMARAJA, ACTUALLY I AM INDEBTED TO YOU. YOU HAVE AROUSED MY CONSCIENCE, MY CHILD.

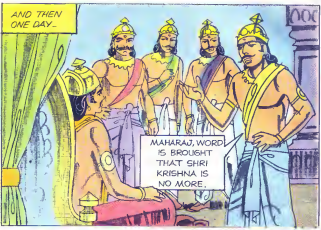

MEANWHILE, PARIKSHITA, THE 12 YEAR OLD SON OF ABHIMANYU AND UTTARA, STARTED HIS EDUCATION AT THE HERMITAGE OF KRIPACHARYA.

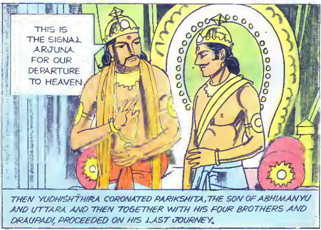




* DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

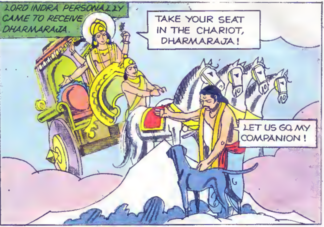
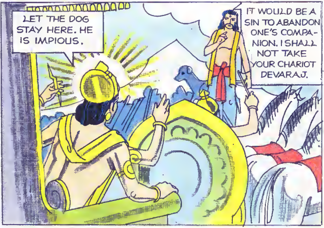

PRINCE PARIKSHITA DID NOT FIND A SINGLE DESTITUTE OR UNEMPLOYED PERSON IN ANY PART OF BHARAT. THE WHOLE POPULATION WAS CULTURED AND WELL EDUCATED. THE COUNTRY WAS AS BEAUTIFUL AS A LOTUS.

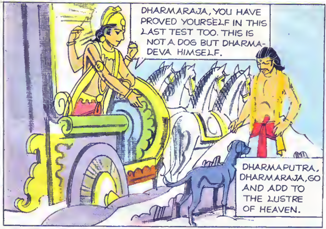

AND THEN ONE DAY_
MAHARAJ, WORD IS BROUGHT THAT SHRI KRISHNA IS NO MORE.

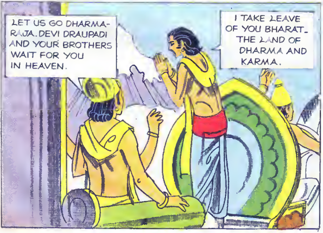

THIS IS THE SIGNAL ARJUNA FOR OUR DEPARTURE TO HEAVEN.
THEN YUDHISHTHIRA CORONATED PARIKSHITA, THE SON OF ABHIMANYU AND UTTARA AND THEN TOGETHER WITH HIS FOUR BROTHERS AND DRAUPADI, PROCEEDED ON HIS LAST JOURNEY.

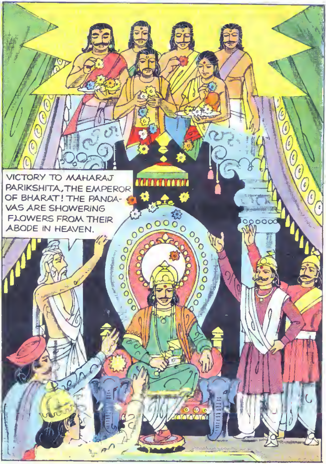

TO GO TO HEAVEN, THE PANDAVAS AND DRAUPADI CLIMBED THE HIMALAYAS WHERE A BLUE DOG JOINED YUDHISHTHIRA.


AS YUDHISHTHIRA REACHED THE TOP OF THE HIMALAYAS, THE DOG ALONE STOOD BY HIS SIDE. DRAUPADI, SAHADEVA, NAKULA ARJUNA AND BHIMA HAD EARLIER BREATHED THEIR LAST IN THAT ORDER.


LORD INDRA PERSONALLY CAME TO RECEIVE DHARMARAJA.
TAKE YOUR SEAT IN THE CHARIOT, DHARMARAJA!
LET US GO, MY COMPANION!

LET THE DOG STAY HERE. HE IS IMPIOUS.
IT WOULD BE A SIN TO ABANDON ONE'S COMPANION. I SHALL NOT TAKE YOUR CHARIOT DEVARAJ.


DHARMARAJA, YOU HAVE PROVED YOURSELF IN THIS LAST TEST TOO. THIS IS NOT A DOG BUT DHARMA-DEVA HIMSELF.
DHARMAPUTRA, DHARMARAJA, GO AND ADD TO THE LUSTRE OF HEAVEN.


LET US GO DHARMA-RAJA. DEVI DRAUPADI AND YOUR BROTHERS WAIT FOR YOU IN HEAVEN.
I TAKE LEAVE OF YOU BHARAT- THE LAND OF DHARMA AND KARMA.


VICTORY TO MAHARAJ PARIKSHITA, THE EMPEROR OF BHARAT! THE PANDAVAS ARE SHOWERING FLOWERS FROM THEIR ABODE IN HEAVEN.



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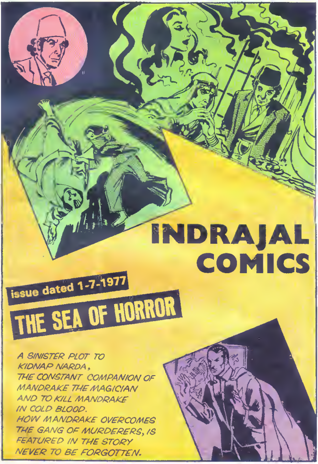
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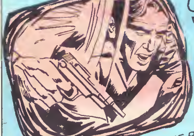



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TROUBLE IS BREWING ON THE PLANET, MONGO AND THE BRAIN BEHIND IS NONE OTHER THAN MING THE MERCILESS. FLASH GORDON UNDERTAKES TO HELP KING BARIN, FIGHT MING AND THE SAVAGES OF ARBORIA. BUT BEFORE HE COULD DO ANYTHING, FLASH GORDON IS TRAPPED AND SENT TO ARAMI DESERT FOR EXECUTION.

HOW DOES FLASH ESCAPE THE NEAR CERTAIN DEATH IS THE THEME OF THIS OUTSTANDING ISSUE DATED 15 TH JULY 1977.



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